(*h*) did the Labour Commissioner who is also a conciliation officer try to settle the dispute amicably; if so, when with what result;

(*i*) the number of hands involved in the strike?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) There is no strik at present. But there was a strike there from 16th December 1946 which ended at 11 p.m. on 16th January 1947.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On 3rd December 1946.

(*d*) The workers wanted various benefits from the management which the management was not prepared to sanction.

(*e*) and (*f*) The demands put forth by the workers are contained in the strike notice, copy of which is appended. *(Please see Appendix II).*

(*g*) The dispute has been referred to adjudication.

(*h*) Yes. The Conciliation efforts were not successful.

(*i*) The total number of workers involved is about 1,600 in both the Alagappa and Cochin Textiles together.

FLOUR—PURCHASE OF BY BAKERY OWNERS

468. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state,—is it a fact that bakery owners purchasing flour from Government Depots are compelled to buy 70 Rs. worth of American biscuits when they buy Rs. 40 worth of flour?

Mr. P. Covinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*):

The bakery owners who purchase maida flour from Government Depots are to purchase "American Biscuits" to the extent of 50 per cent of the weight of flour supplied.

IMPORTED RICE—PRICE—PARTICULARS REGARDING

469. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

ഫ്ലവർ-മിൽ പഞ്ചാബിൽനിന്നും കടവിൽ ലഭിച്ച അരി കോട്ടാക്കു ചാക്കൊന്നിനു എത്ര രൂപായാണു് അവിടെ വില വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ഫ്ലവർ-മിൽ പഞ്ചാബിൽനിന്നും ഇതുവരെ വാങ്ങിയ അരി രണ്ടു് തവണയായിട്ടാണു്. അതിൽ രണ്ടാമത്തെ തവണവാങ്ങിയ അരിയുടെ കണക്കുകൾ ലഭിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ആദ്യത്തെ തവണ പഞ്ചാബിൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങിയതിനു് 1½ മണു് (1 ഒ Ibs. ചാക്കൊന്നിനു കു. നമ്പു— ഫ 0—ഡ അവിടെ വില വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

KEROSENE—SALE OF

470. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe (*Kunnamkulum*): Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) is not kerosene sold now from the Vadakkancherri Central Depot as per tins without measuring the contents of each tin;

(*b*) at what price is one tin of kerosene oil sold to the ration shop owners from the Central Depot, Vadakkancheri;

(*c*) what is the extra price charged for an empty tin;

(*d*) what is the price of such tins in the market;

(*e*) whether the retail shop owners are asked to account for 25 bottles of kerosene for each tin sold to them;

(*f*) for how many bottles of kerosene oil each tin is purchased by our Government;

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